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Colorado Trends

No major changes were noted in the State's labor market picture between April and May. The number of persons at work was about unchanged while the number looking for work trended higher. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.5 percent. The rate had fallen six-tenths of a percentage point in April. One year ago, the jobless rate was 5.1 percent. The number of unemployed Coloradans reached an estimated 97,900 in May, up 8,000 from the prior month and 8,800 above the total a year ago. While there were scattered layoffs, much of the increase was due to new jobseekers not finding work right away. Statewide employment was 1,684,600 in May, not much different than the 1,687,700 of April. The employment level has trended downward only slightly thus far this year and remains nearly 21,000 higher than in May last year.

Overall, the State's economy remains in relatively good shape, but looks to be biding its time waiting for the national economy to move out of recession. In many Colorado industries it has been "business as usual" the last few months, but expansion or new hiring plans have been put on hold, dampening the pace of job growth.

Changes in labor force conditions in individual areas around the State were mixed during May. On a seasonally unadjusted basis, 34 counties recorded higher jobless rates, 24 lower rates and 5 were unchanged. Normally, most areas show a drop in unemployment between April and May. Seven counties had unemployment rates above 10 percent while 8 were below 4 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's jobless rate rose three-tenths of a percentage point to a seasonally adjusted 6.9 percent in May. Unemployment grew by 366,000 to 8.6 million. Civilian employment, at 116.6 million, registered a loss of 807,000.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment slipped 700 in May to 1,539,400. The change was weaker than normal for the April-May period as economic uncertainty surrounding the national recession held back growth. Of the State's eight major nonfarm industry sectors, three advanced during the month, three declined and two remained unchanged. Total wage and salary jobs

in Colorado numbered 1,507,700 one year ago.

The largest drop in May occurred in services (down 4,500). The loss, however, was about average for the April-May period. Declines in amusements and recreation (down 4,900), personal services (down 1,400) and hotels and other lodging places (down 1,200) were largely responsible for the sectoral slide. Business services ran counter to the overall trend, adding 1,100 new workers.

Trade (down 1,300) was weaker than normal for the month as eating and drinking places fell by 2,300. Other categories were higher. General merchandise stores added 300, food stores 400 and automotive dealers 100. Recent developments affecting the sector include the announcement that Conoco Inc. has shifted a retail division from Houston to Denver to oversee about 250 of its convenience store outlets. In addition, the company plans to increase its company-owned and operated locations in Colorado to 100 by year's end, resulting in 150 new jobs. Also, Steamboat Springs residents voted to approve construction of a Wal-Mart discount store. Construction will begin this summer with the scheduled opening in 1992.

Finance, insurance and real estate (down 300) was the only other sector reporting a decline in May.

Gainers over the month included contract construction (up 3,000), manufacturing (up 500) and government (up 1,900). The construction industry is experiencing a revival in new home building in the Denver Area. Housing permits for residential construction in metro Denver have risen 38 percent in the first five months of 1991. On top of this, Neodata Services Inc. is planning to build one of Boulder County's largest office buildings on a 25-acre site in Louisville. The proposed 427,000 square-foot warehouse and office complex will incorporate some of the company's existing facilities and accomodate its future growth. Neodata handles marketing and subscription renewal services for 300 magazines with 75 million subscribers.

The sectors of mining and transportation and public utilities showed no change in May.

After showing signs of improvement the prior month, labor market conditions in the DENVER MSA weakened somewhat in May. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate rose five-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent, up from the 4.7 percent of one year ago.

The number of unemployed local residents increased 4,200 to 45,900. Last year at this time an estimated 41,600 persons were without work. The jobholder estimate fell 700 to 863,000. Despite the dip, the current number is almost 13,000 or 1.5 percent above the level of twelve months ago.

Hiring by nonagricultural wage and salary employers was slightly greater than normal for the April-May period as nonfarm jobs rose 6,400 to 855,000. Annual job growth in the Metro Area is currently 3.1 percent, considerably greater than the State's 2.1 percent. With the exception of mining which was unchanged, all industry components added workers during the month. Hiring was most active and showed the greatest seasonal strength in construction, up 2,000, and services, up 1,900. Although 1,800 jobs were added in trade, the advance was smaller than expected.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAY 1991	APR 1991	FEB 1991	MAY 1990	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1782.5	1777.6	1789.7	1753.0	4.9	-7.2	29.5
Unemployment	97.9	89.9	92.7	89.1	8.0	5.2	8.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.1	---	---	---
Employment	1684.6	1687.7	1697.0	1663.9	-3.1	-12.4	20.7
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1540.3	1542.1	1548.6	1508.8	-1.8	-8.3	31.5
Mining	19.9	20.0	19.8	19.7	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Contract Construction	66.1	66.7	67.6	60.4	-0.6	-1.5	5.7
Manufacturing	191.1	191.3	193.5	193.1	-0.2	-2.4	-2.0
Durable Goods	115.6	115.9	117.6	119.2	-0.3	-2.0	-3.6
Nondurable Goods	75.5	75.4	75.9	73.9	0.1	-0.4	1.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	97.1	97.0	97.5	96.0	0.1	-0.4	1.1
Trade	372.0	374.1	375.1	369.3	-2.1	-3.1	2.7
Wholesale	84.6	85.1	85.7	81.8	-0.5	-1.1	2.8
Retail	287.4	289.0	289.4	287.5	-1.6	-2.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.5	97.7	97.6	96.3	-0.2	-0.1	1.2
Services	412.6	413.0	413.9	396.7	-0.4	-1.3	15.9
Government	284.0	282.3	283.6	277.3	1.7	0.4	6.7
Federal	56.3	56.4	56.4	59.5	-0.1	-0.1	-3.2
State	68.1	67.2	68.0	64.7	0.9	0.1	3.4
Local	159.6	158.7	159.2	153.1	0.9	0.4	6.5
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	908.9	905.4	912.4	891.7	3.5	-3.5	17.2
Unemployment	45.9	41.7	43.2	41.6	4.2	2.7	4.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.6	4.7	4.7	---	---	---
Employment	863.0	863.7	869.2	850.1	-0.7	-6.2	12.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	851.3	850.6	853.4	825.8	0.7	-2.1	25.5
Mining	11.4	11.5	11.3	11.0	-0.1	0.1	0.4
Contract Construction	35.3	34.7	35.2	32.2	0.6	0.1	3.1
Manufacturing	92.4	92.3	94.0	94.9	0.1	-1.6	-2.5
Durable Goods	46.9	46.6	47.8	49.1	0.3	-0.9	-2.2
Nondurable Goods	45.5	45.7	46.2	45.8	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	69.9	69.8	70.4	69.3	0.1	-0.5	0.6
Trade	207.9	208.4	207.7	196.1	-0.5	0.2	11.8
Wholesale	59.0	59.4	59.4	57.6	-0.4	-0.4	1.4
Retail	148.9	149.0	148.3	148.5	-0.1	0.6	0.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64.8	65.2	65.1	64.3	-0.4	-0.5	0.5
Services	237.3	236.3	237.0	228.1	1.0	0.3	9.2
Government	132.3	132.4	132.5	129.9	-0.1	-0.2	2.4
Federal	33.0	33.5	33.4	35.0	-0.5	-0.4	-2.0
State	26.8	26.5	26.6	25.2	0.3	0.2	1.6
Local	72.5	72.4	72.5	69.7	0.1	0.0	2.8
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	139740	139170	139590	138880	570	150	860
Unemployment	5430	5180	5030	5330	250	400	100
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.8	---	---	---
Employment	134310	133990	134560	133550	320	-250	760
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	191070	190810	191500	190030	260	-430	1040
Unemployment	13040	12000	12380	12390	1040	660	650
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.5	---	---	---
Employment	178030	178810	179120	177640	-780	-1090	390
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	104220	104350	105020	101700	-130	-800	2520
Unemployment	4560	4240	4660	4540	320	-100	20
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.5	---	---	---
Employment	99660	100110	100360	97160	-450	-700	2500
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	71270	70840	71800	70950	430	-530	320
Unemployment	3480	3160	3300	3470	320	180	10
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.9	---	---	---
Employment	67790	67680	68500	67480	110	-710	310
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	54750	54270	55010	53230	480	-260	1520
Unemployment	4250	3580	4050	3670	670	200	580
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	6.6	7.4	6.9	---	---	---
Employment	50500	50690	50960	49560	-190	-460	940

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1778.0	1771.3	1749.0	6700	29000
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	96.8	95.4	88.2	1400	8600
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	5.0	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1681.2	1675.9	1660.8	5300	20400
Nonagricultural 5/	1634.0	1630.7	1607.1	3300	26900
Agricultural	47.2	45.2	53.7	2000	-6500
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1539.4	1540.1	1507.7	-700	31700
GOODS PRODUCING	275.9	272.4	272.0	3500	3900
SERVICE PRODUCING	1263.5	1267.7	1235.7	-4200	27800
MINING	19.6	19.6	19.4	0	200
Metal Mining	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	-100
Coal Mining	2.3	2.3	2.8	0	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.1	13.0	12.4	100	700
CONSTRUCTION	66.1	63.1	60.4	3000	5700
General Building Contractors	15.4	14.7	13.7	700	1700
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	11.7	10.9	11.0	800	700
Special Trade Contractors	39.0	37.5	35.7	1500	3300
MANUFACTURING	190.2	189.7	192.2	500	-2000
Durable Goods	115.5	115.3	119.1	200	-3600
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	6.6	6.5	6.4	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.9	7.8	7.7	100	200
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	14.0	13.9	14.2	100	-200
Computer & Office Equipment	19.8	19.9	20.6	-100	-800
Instruments & Related Products	20.7	20.8	20.7	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	74.7	74.4	73.1	300	1600
Food & Kindred Products	26.5	26.2	25.7	300	800
Meat Products	8.4	8.3	8.2	100	200
Dairy Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Beverages	7.8	7.7	7.1	100	700
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	5.0	4.9	5.2	100	-200
Paper & Allied Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Printing & Publishing	24.7	24.7	24.0	0	700
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	9.5	9.6	9.0	-100	500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	96.7	96.7	95.6	0	1100
Railroad Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	100
Trucking & Warehousing	21.5	21.4	21.0	100	500
Transportation by Air	18.1	18.3	18.2	-200	-100
Communications	30.2	30.1	30.0	100	200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.9	12.9	12.7	0	200
TRADE	369.3	370.6	366.6	-1300	2700
Wholesale Trade	84.8	84.8	82.0	0	2800
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	53.0	53.0	51.4	0	1600
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	31.8	31.8	30.6	0	1200
Retail Trade	284.5	285.8	284.6	-1300	-100
General Merchandise Stores	30.6	30.3	31.0	300	-400
Food Stores	41.6	41.2	45.2	400	-3600
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	30.2	30.1	29.5	100	700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	13.1	13.1	13.8	0	-700
Eating & Drinking Places	111.6	113.9	108.1	-2300	3500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	97.2	97.5	96.0	-300	1200
Depository Institutions	24.9	24.9	25.7	0	-800
Insurance	28.8	28.8	27.4	0	1400
Real Estate	25.7	26.0	24.9	-300	800
SERVICES	409.3	413.8	393.5	-4500	15800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	32.2	33.4	30.3	-1200	1900
Personal Services	16.9	18.3	15.9	-1400	1000
Business Services	84.2	83.1	82.5	1100	1700
Computer & Data Processing Services	17.1	17.0	17.2	100	-100
Motion Pictures	4.5	4.5	4.1	0	400
Amusements & Recreation Services	20.6	25.5	20.0	-4900	600
Ski Lift Operators	2.9	8.9	2.5	-6000	400
Health Services	103.3	103.0	98.2	300	5100
Hospitals	43.2	42.9	41.1	300	2100
MD's & Other Health Practitioners	35.0	34.9	32.8	100	2200
Nursing Facil. & Home Health Care	19.2	19.3	18.9	-100	300
Legal Services	13.3	13.3	13.6	0	-300
Educational Services	13.9	13.7	13.4	200	500
Social Services	21.9	21.8	21.4	100	500
Membership Organizations	23.3	23.1	22.4	200	900
Engineering & Management Services	43.9	44.0	41.8	-100	2100
Agricultural Services	9.4	8.4	9.0	1000	400
GOVERNMENT	291.0	289.1	284.0	1900	7000
Federal Government	56.3	55.8	59.5	500	-3200
State Government	70.3	71.1	66.8	-800	3500
State Education	45.6	46.7	43.2	-1100	2400
Local Government	164.4	162.2	157.7	2200	6700
Local Education	90.4	89.8	87.5	600	2900
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	-100

DENVER MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	908.9	898.0	892.0	10900	16900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	45.0	42.1	40.8	2900	4200
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.7	4.6	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	863.9	855.9	851.2	8000	12700
Nonagricultural 5/	855.5	847.9	841.7	7600	13800
Agricultural	8.4	8.0	9.5	400	-1100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	855.0	848.6	839.0	6400	16000
GOODS PRODUCING	139.2	136.9	138.2	2300	1000
SERVICE PRODUCING	715.8	711.7	700.8	4100	15000
MINING	11.3	11.3	10.9	0	400
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.2	9.2	8.9	0	300
CONSTRUCTION	35.5	33.5	32.4	2000	3100
General Building Contractors	6.3	6.2	6.2	100	100
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	7.3	6.1	6.4	1200	900
Special Trade Contractors	21.9	21.2	19.8	700	2100
MANUFACTURING	92.4	92.1	94.9	300	-2500
Durable Goods	46.9	46.6	49.1	300	-2200
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	7.6	7.4	7.5	200	100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	6.4	6.5	6.6	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	45.5	45.5	45.8	0	-300
Food & Kindred Products	14.1	14.0	14.0	100	100
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	13.8	13.9	13.8	-100	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.5	7.6	7.3	-100	200
Petroleum, Coal & Plastic Products	4.9	4.8	5.2	100	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	69.6	69.5	69.0	100	600
Railroad Transportation	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	100
Trucking & Warehousing	15.1	15.0	14.4	100	700
Transportation by Air	16.1	16.3	16.4	-200	-300
Communications	24.5	24.4	24.1	100	400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	6.9	6.9	6.7	0	200
TRADE	207.3	205.5	205.5	1800	1800
Wholesale Trade	59.1	59.3	57.7	-200	1400
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	38.8	38.9	38.2	-100	600
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	20.3	20.4	19.5	-100	800
Retail Trade	148.2	146.2	147.8	2000	400
General Merchandise,Accessory Stores	23.1	22.8	24.2	300	-1100
Food Stores	21.1	20.9	24.5	200	-3400
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	15.2	15.0	14.5	200	700
Eating & Drinking Places	58.1	57.1	54.7	1000	3400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	65.0	64.9	64.5	100	500
Depository Institutions	14.6	14.6	14.8	0	-200
Nondepository Institutions	6.4	6.5	6.9	-100	-500
Insurance	20.4	20.5	19.7	-100	700
Real Estate	14.8	14.7	14.8	100	0
SERVICES	238.7	236.8	229.5	1900	9200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.5	11.2	11.5	300	0
Personal Services	9.5	10.3	9.4	-800	100
Business Services	56.9	56.6	55.5	300	1400
Amusement & Rec. Svc., Inc. Motion Pic	11.5	10.8	11.5	700	0
Health Services	58.7	58.4	55.5	300	3200
Hospitals	27.1	26.9	25.3	200	1800
Legal Services	9.8	9.8	9.9	0	-100
Educational Services	9.9	9.8	9.1	100	800
Social Services	11.5	11.3	11.1	200	400
Engineering & Management Services	28.1	28.1	26.3	0	1800
Agricultural Services	5.2	4.6	4.9	600	300
GOVERNMENT	135.2	135.0	132.3	200	2900
Federal Government	33.4	33.4	35.0	0	-1600
State Government	27.0	27.6	25.4	-600	1600
State Education	11.7	12.3	10.8	-600	900
Local Government	74.8	74.0	71.9	800	2900
Local Education	42.9	42.6	40.5	300	2400
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	-100

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA AND COLORADO SPRINGS MSA
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	139.8	138.5	139.1	1300	700
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.2	5.3	5.2	-100	0
Unemployment (%)	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	100
EMPLOYMENT	134.6	133.2	133.9	1400	700
Nonagricultural 5/	132.7	131.4	131.7	1300	1000
Agricultural	1.9	1.8	2.2	100	-300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	118.8	117.7	117.6	1100	1200
GOODS PRODUCING	33.6	33.4	33.9	200	-300
SERVICE PRODUCING	85.2	84.3	83.7	900	1500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
MANUFACTURING	30.0	29.8	30.3	200	-300
Durable Goods	23.6	23.5	24.3	100	-700
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.3	6.0	100	400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
TRADE	24.9	24.7	24.6	200	300
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	100
Retail Trade	21.4	21.2	21.2	200	200
Eating & Drinking Places	9.4	9.2	8.9	200	500
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	12.0	12.0	12.3	0	-300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.2	4.2	100	100
Depository & Nondepository Institution	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	-200
SERVICES	29.3	29.0	28.5	300	800
GOVERNMENT	24.4	24.1	24.1	300	300
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.8	0	-200
State Government	11.9	11.9	11.4	0	500
State Education	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	400
Local Government	9.9	9.6	9.9	300	0
Local Education	5.3	5.3	5.4	0	-100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	191.0	187.9	190.1	3100	900
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	12.8	12.5	12.2	300	600
Unemployment (%)	6.7	6.6	6.4	100	300
EMPLOYMENT	178.2	175.4	177.9	2800	300
Nonagricultural 5/	176.6	173.9	176.1	2700	500
Agricultural	1.6	1.5	1.8	100	-200
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	155.0	152.7	154.2	2300	800
GOODS PRODUCING	27.9	27.4	28.8	500	-900
SERVICE PRODUCING	127.1	125.3	125.4	1800	1700
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6.6	6.2	6.2	400	400
MANUFACTURING	21.3	21.2	22.6	100	-1300
Durable Goods	15.6	15.6	17.4	0	-1800
Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.2	100	500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.8	5.9	5.8	-100	0
TRADE	35.8	35.2	36.5	600	-700
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	100
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	100
Retail Trade	30.4	29.8	31.2	600	-800
Eating & Drinking Places	12.7	12.5	12.3	200	400
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	17.7	17.3	18.9	400	-1200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	8.7	8.7	8.8	0	-100
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	-300
SERVICES	45.8	45.0	43.4	800	2400
GOVERNMENT	31.0	30.5	30.9	500	100
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	10.0	0	-200
State Government	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
State Education	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Local Government	18.3	17.8	18.1	500	200
Local Education	10.4	10.2	10.1	200	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	May 1991 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	April 1991 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	6518	6086	432	6.6	--	6335	5998	337	5.3
Archuleta	2479	2241	238	9.6	--	2486	2208	278	11.2
Baca	2323	2236	87	3.7	--	2245	2175	70	3.1
Bent	2175	2051	124	5.7	--	2092	2000	92	4.4
Chaffee	6688	6277	411	6.1	--	6578	6135	443	6.7
Cheyenne	1124	1099	25	2.2	--	1142	1082	60	5.3
Clear Creek	2941	2718	223	7.6	--	3004	2826	178	5.9
Co. Springs MSA	191019	178205	12814	6.7	--	187880	175413	12467	6.6
Conejos	2527	2293	234	9.3	--	2454	2260	194	7.9
Costilla	1382	1177	205	14.8	--	1409	1164	245	17.4
Crowley	1720	1639	81	4.7	--	1689	1614	75	4.4
Custer	781	738	43	5.5	--	783	741	42	5.4
Delta	9374	8272	1102	11.8	--	9197	8121	1076	11.7
Den-Bldr CMSA	1048736	998482	50254	4.8	--	1036456	989087	47369	4.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	139831	134582	5249	3.8	--	138452	133190	5262	3.8
-Denver MSA	908905	863900	45005	5.0	--	898004	855897	42107	4.7
---Adams	152561	144392	8169	5.4	--	151113	143055	8058	5.3
---Arapahoe	220608	211137	9471	4.3	--	217781	209181	8600	3.9
---Denver	271323	255619	15704	5.8	--	267731	253251	14480	5.4
---Douglas	23941	22928	1013	4.2	--	23669	22716	953	4.0
---Jefferson	240469	229823	10646	4.4	--	237711	227694	10017	4.2
Dolores	1036	957	79	7.6	--	1035	945	90	8.7
Eagle	12978	11833	1145	8.8	--	18613	16267	2346	12.6
Elbert	4217	3934	283	6.7	--	4148	3862	286	6.9
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	104405	100157	4248	4.1	--	102982	98806	4176	4.1
Fremont	12316	11462	854	6.9	--	11923	11145	778	6.5
Garfield	18299	16920	1379	7.5	--	18117	16644	1473	8.1
Gilpin	1453	1348	105	7.2	--	1219	1135	84	6.9
Grand	4318	4029	289	6.7	--	5975	5481	494	8.3
Greeley MSA	72189	68877	3312	4.6	--	71472	68223	3249	4.5
Gunnison	5788	5282	506	8.7	--	6398	5917	481	7.5
Hinsdale	468	418	50	10.7	--	434	427	7	1.6
Huerfano	2235	2045	190	8.5	--	2192	2027	165	7.5
Jackson	992	895	97	9.8	--	952	882	70	7.4
Kiowa	1003	953	50	5.0	--	999	933	66	6.6
Kit Carson	4171	4097	74	1.8	--	4120	3992	128	3.1
Lake	1780	1420	360	20.2	--	1650	1403	247	15.0
La Plata	17490	16537	953	5.4	--	17095	16178	917	5.4
Las Animas	4918	4579	339	6.9	--	4832	4497	335	6.9
Lincoln	2542	2445	97	3.8	--	2418	2323	95	3.9
Logan	9388	8939	449	4.8	--	9325	8642	683	7.3
Mesa	45406	42419	2987	6.6	--	44656	41817	2839	6.4
Mineral	195	185	10	5.1	--	202	184	18	8.9
Moffat	5178	4696	482	9.3	--	5135	4729	406	7.9
Montezuma	10622	9874	748	7.0	--	9885	9149	736	7.4
Montrose	12576	11615	961	7.6	--	12434	11376	1058	8.5
Morgan	10359	9764	595	5.7	--	10257	9655	602	5.9
Otero	8878	8225	653	7.4	--	8440	7926	514	6.1
Ouray	1813	1699	114	6.3	--	1613	1498	115	7.1
Park	2882	2617	265	9.2	--	2856	2611	245	8.6
Phillips	2327	2290	37	1.6	--	2296	2252	44	1.9
Pitkin	9463	8206	1257	13.3	--	12527	10633	1894	15.1
Prowers	6476	6112	364	5.6	--	6379	6013	366	5.7
Pueblo MSA	54878	50901	3977	7.2	--	54028	50483	3545	6.6
Rio Blanco	2923	2770	153	5.2	--	2854	2737	117	4.1
Rio Grande	4864	4469	395	8.1	--	4791	4429	362	7.6
Routt	8416	7730	686	8.2	--	9824	9085	739	7.5
Saguache	1540	1381	159	10.3	--	1493	1345	148	9.9
San Juan	674	606	68	10.1	--	545	483	62	11.4
San Miguel	3060	2771	289	9.4	--	3803	3477	326	8.6
Sedgwick	1551	1497	54	3.5	--	1520	1460	60	3.9
Summit	9185	8447	738	8.0	--	13365	11903	1462	10.9
Teller	5224	4877	347	6.6	--	5137	4797	340	6.6
Washington	2665	2564	101	3.8	--	2594	2512	82	3.2
Yuma	5041	4836	205	4.1	--	4995	4775	220	4.4
COLORADO	1777969	1681192	96777	5.4	--	1771277	1675879	95398	5.4

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
May 1990

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6446	6100	346	5.4
Archuleta	2534	2380	154	6.1
Baca	2389	2343	46	1.9
Bent	2158	2080	78	3.6
Chaffee	6628	6195	433	6.5
Cheyenne	1187	1147	40	3.4
Clear Creek	2826	2592	234	8.3
Co. Springs MSA	190074	177892	12182	6.4
Conejos	2653	2364	289	10.9
Costilla	1216	1079	137	11.3
Crowley	1738	1704	34	2.0
Custer	814	755	59	7.2
Delta	9114	8345	769	8.4
Den-Bldr CMSA	1031030	985112	45918	4.5
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	139025	133873	5152	3.7
-Denver MSA	892005	851239	40766	4.6
---Adams	150357	142276	8081	5.4
---Arapahoe	216068	208043	8025	3.7
---Denver	265938	251873	14065	5.3
---Douglas	23585	22592	993	4.2
---Jefferson	236058	226455	9603	4.1
Dolores	1023	958	65	6.4
Eagle	12150	11232	918	7.6
Elbert	4136	3923	213	5.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	101862	97635	4227	4.1
Fremont	11577	10813	764	6.6
Garfield	17385	16528	857	4.9
Gilpin	1482	1425	57	3.8
Grand	4381	4102	279	6.4
Greeley MSA	71886	68586	3300	4.6
Gunnison	5603	5130	473	8.4
Hinsdale	446	427	19	4.3
Huerfano	2304	2114	190	8.2
Jackson	932	896	36	3.9
Kiowa	1045	1009	36	3.4
Kit Carson	4330	4277	53	1.2
Lake	1728	1397	331	19.2
La Plata	17400	16384	1016	5.8
Las Animas	5058	4606	452	8.9
Lincoln	2464	2373	91	3.7
Logan	9454	9177	277	2.9
Mesa	44526	41914	2612	5.9
Mineral	203	180	23	11.3
Moffat	5158	4751	407	7.9
Montezuma	10357	9667	690	6.7
Montrose	12418	11497	921	7.4
Morgan	10087	9589	498	4.9
Otero	8667	8067	600	6.9
Ouray	1772	1643	129	7.3
Park	2825	2620	205	7.3
Phillips	2437	2388	49	2.0
Pitkin	8938	7969	969	10.8
Prowers	6498	6101	397	6.1
Pueblo MSA	53387	49952	3435	6.4
Rio Blanco	2929	2785	144	4.9
Rio Grande	4848	4472	376	7.8
Routt	8215	7463	752	9.2
Saguache	1628	1444	184	11.3
San Juan	634	604	30	4.7
San Miguel	2605	2354	251	9.6
Sedgwick	1579	1547	32	2.0
Summit	8645	8003	642	7.4
Teller	5252	4952	300	5.7
Washington	2737	2686	51	1.9
Yuma	5159	5051	108	2.1
COLORADO	1748953	1660777	88176	5.0

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990
CONSTRUCTION	$510.51	$477.86	$494.81	39.3	36.9	38.9	$12.99	$12.95	$12.72
MANUFACTURING	$460.35	$461.15	$451.26	40.1	40.1	41.9	$11.48	$11.50	$10.77
Durable Goods	$469.04	$467.98	$448.14	41.0	40.8	42.0	$11.44	$11.47	$10.67
Nondurable Goods	$448.91	$451.61	$453.86	38.9	39.1	41.6	$11.54	$11.55	$10.91

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990	MAY 2/ 1991	APR 3/ 1991	MAY 1990
CONSTRUCTION	$529.59	$512.49	$515.04	39.2	37.6	38.9	$13.51	$13.63	$13.24
MANUFACTURING	$505.85	$507.87	$504.64	40.5	40.5	41.5	$12.49	$12.54	$12.16
Durable Goods	$523.74	$517.90	$515.64	42.0	41.8	42.3	$12.47	$12.39	$12.19
Nondurable Goods	$489.14	$498.32	$493.69	39.1	39.3	40.7	$12.51	$12.68	$12.13

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER MSA		
	MAY 1991	APR 1991	MAY 1990	MAY 1991	APR 1991	MAY 1990
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	12,861	16,071	10,969	6,975	7,433	5,328
Continued Claims	125,625	120,726	108,303	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	94,628	93,281	83,757	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$16,025,091	$15,766,184	$13,842,329	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$308,536,660	$269,833,047	$274,157,241	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	19,148	15,046	20,104	9,028	7,070	9,702
Nonagricultural Placements	5,306	4,784	7,627	1,513	1,472	2,426
Agricultural Placements	409	302	479	172	180	231

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

April 1991 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	124,727	1771.3	1716.4	495.6	406.5	702.1	806.0	243.2
Unemployment	8,049	95.4	76.8	33.0	27.4	53.7	37.1	12.8
Unemployment Rate(%)	6.5	5.4	4.5	6.6	6.7	7.6	4.6	5.3
Employment	116,678	1675.9	1639.6	462.6	379.1	648.4	768.9	230.4

New car sales began to rebound this Spring as lower interest rates induced buying.

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1990 benchmark utilizing 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 56,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they are ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed. i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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